

REVIEW.

Saturday, November 1. 1712.

IFind some People will be never pleas'd at all ; they are Angry now, that the *Dutch* are suppos'd to be coming into the Peace ; they would not have Us Separate from them, and yet they would not have them join with Us—— I have freely told you my Reasons, why I think we ought all to desire the *Dutch* to come in to the Peace.

1. Because I see this is past Remedy, viz. That we shall not go on with the War in Conjunction with them.

2. Because, as Things are now staled, their carrying on the War without us, will end either in their being Master'd by the *French*, or in our falling upon them at last.

3. Because they are not in a Condition, no, not in Conjunction with all their present Allies, to support the War against the *French* Power, and therefore I wish them to comply, because I would not have them be undone.

4. I come now to a farther Reason, why I would have the *Dutch* come in, and that is, because it is apparent, if the *Dutch* and We Quarrel, the *Protestant Succession* will run a great Risque of being Ruin'd.

This is my present Argument, and the Thing I m upon ; Who are they that are for a War with the *Dutch*? And why are they for it? The *Cafe* is !ain, the *Jacobites* one and all, are for the War with the *Dutch*, and they are much in the right, as *Jacobites* ; a War with *Holland* is the most effectual Way to Overthrow the *Protestant Succession*, and weaken the Hands of those who should defend it.

I have often said, That if we were United at Home, against the Pretender, we should stand in need of no Foreign Aid to support the *Protestant Succession*, and I say still; and for this Reason it is, that those who are now propagating the Interest of the Pretender, place their Hopes no more in Foreign Power : They have, and with good Reason too, given over expecting the

Pretender by the Sword of *France* ; They have the same Experience of the Readiness of *France*, that we all say we have in other Cales ; They find he will do by them, as he did by King *Charles II.* whom he Complemented out of his Kingdom, in Compliance to *Oliver Cromwell*; and as he did by King *James II.* whom he gave up in Compliance to King *William*, and now does the like by this Person, whom he abandons, to make his Peace with the Queen : They find the King of *France* may be beaten into any Thing, and indeed he had done enough for them all, unless they would have him lose his Kingdom for them—— They see then, that Force is not the Way to do their Work, and that if the People of *Britain* preserve but their Integrity, they can never hope to come in, no, tho' all the Power of *France* were with them.

Finding this, I say, by 24 Years Experience, the wisest Heads among them have long ago taken New Measures, and fallen to Work with all the Arts and Jesuitical Subtilty of their Party and Interest, to bring the People of *England* and *Scotland*, to do this great Work themselves—— And here they have got more Ground in a few Months, than they got in the Field in 20 Year before, or would have got in 20 more : I can compare it to nothing so well, as the Modern Way of Besieging Towns ; when a General sits down before a Town that is well Fortify'd, and prepar'd, he considers the mighty Bastions, deep Ditches, the many Out-Works, numerous Artillery, resolute Garrison, experienc'd Governour, and all Things furnish'd for a Vigorous Defence ; he waves therefore the usual way of *Battery* and *Siege*, as what will cost him too much Blood, Ruin his Infantry, and too much weaken his Army, and applying himself to the Sap, he works under Ground, and by this Method, tho' more slowly, yet as surely, Overthrows the Defences, gets under the Cannon, and without Loss of Blood, infallibly takes the Place.

This is our Case, we are amusing ourselves with the Clamours of Parties on one side and the other, laying all the stress of our Complaint upon our not carrying on the War, forming terrible Ideas of the Power and Formidable Greatness of *France*, and of his forcibly putting the Pretender upon us ; I do not say inha,

what of this is or is not Rational ; I am not, as I told you before, going to lessen your Concern on that side at all, take that with you as you go ; but I tell you, your greatest Danger of the Pretender is from another side ; the Party and Friends of the Pretender are taking another Way, they have try'd *Battery* and *Storm*, and they find it will not do, but they are **S A P P I N G** Your Foundation, they are working *under Ground*, and here they approach You insensibly, here they get within your Defences, get under Your Cannon, and while You are not able to hurt them, the Ruin You in the tenderest part.

This is the Danger I speak of, viz. Debauching the Principles of the common People, from the Revolution Establishment, and Insinuating into them favourable Notions of the Pretender, lessening, or taking away, indeed, their Apprehensions of *Popery* or *French Tyranny*, and of that being the Consequence of his coming in ; not a Man of You are Concern'd at this, not a Hand at work to Countermine and Defeat the secret Progress of these People ; not a Thought or Apprehension comes thwart You, about the Effect of this, but the Enemy go on undisturb'd, and get Ground of You daily.

In answer to this, you tell me ; Well, well, we are looking after a worse Danger ; we see *French Power*, and *French Counsels* prevailing, and we stand in the Breach there ; if we can prevent the Power of *France* Overthrowing us, we shall deal well enough with our People at Home — God forbid I should be for shutting your Eyes against real Danger any where, and therefore, whatever I may think of your Danger from *France*, in which, perhaps, I may differ from you ; I wave it here, and as I said at the Beginning, *Those Things you ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone* : Keep your Eyes as open as you will to that part, but if you shut your Eyes to this part, you may be undone, even tho' you were Conquerors ; nay, your Reducing or not Reducing *France*, seems to me not to be any part of the Question here ; Your Danger is of another kind ; the War or the Peace is not concern'd in it. The *Jacobites* have given over their concern in the War, why should we

point our Fears where the Pretender does not rive his Hopes ? Why defend our selves only where he does not attack us ? The Pretender can not push at you by *French Power*, so much as *French Priests* ; He does not Attack you by *Hawaii*, now, he sees that is not his Way, but by *Lorffan*, not by *Lewis's Sword*, but by *Guy Faux's Lanthorn*, he is not going to cut you down, but to blow you up.

In short, he knows, that no Conquest in the *Europe* can do the Work, but if he can make a Conquest the People's Aversions, if he can insinuate himself to the Humour of the People, if he can remove Antipathies of the People, he makes an effectual Conquest, such a one, as no *French Greatness* can work for him, no *Confederate Greatness* can prevent ; I lay this down as a stated allow'd Maxim ; whether the Right of Choosing their King lies in the People or no, is not my Question ; I have nothing to do with the People's Voice in that Case ; but not all the Powers of *Europe*, are able to put a King upon this Island, or take a King from them, against the Universal Voice of the People of *Great Britain* ; a Nation Numerous, so Vigorous, so bold in Asserting, desperate in Defending, so us'd to Liberty, and sensible of the Advantages of it, never were, and never can be, impos'd upon in that manner : Not *Frederick the Great*, suppose the Confederates push'd to the greater Extremities than we can fear, could force the Pretender here, if the Voice of the People agreed Unanimously to say, We will not have this Man Reign over us ; Not the Confederates *Exultant*, i pos France Reduc'd lower than we could hope, could prevent the Pretender setting himself up, if once the People, with an Unanimous Consent, open their Arms to receive him.

The Affections then of the People of *Britain*, the Great Field of Battle, where the Pretender is now making his Campaign ; and here, unless you look better to yourselves than you have hitherto done, you will be entirely Routed, for here, let me tell you, the *Jacobites* get Ground on you insensibly every day.